Quality Assurance (DGQA) who have been issued notices for retirement before the stipulated date of retirement;

(b) whether it is a fact that in order to avoid any investigation of different charges, some officers are being asked to retire prematurely; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to stop such retirements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) In the last two years notice for voluntary retirement of only one officer in DGQA has been given on the basis of the recommendations of the Reivew Committee which found him unfit for continuance in Government service. The notice period is yet to expire.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The cases of all officers are considered by a duly constituted Review Committee for their suitability for continuance in Government service on attaining the age of 50/55 years or completion of 30 years of service whichever is earlier. Further action is taken on the basis of its recommendations.

Attack on police station by defence personnel

1380. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the defence personnel attacked Lunger House police station at Hyderabad, recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) On seeing the badly mutilated dead bodies of two young boys who were the sons of a colleague, some Army personnel went to the Langar House Police Station, at Hyderabad, on 2-2-1994, where a scuffle between them and the Police personnel ensued. In the incident some Police personnel are reported to have received injuries, and two vehicles were damaged. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have constituted a Joint Enquiry Committee, consisting of Police and Army officers, to conduct an enquiry into the incident. Appropriate action will be taken on the finalisation of the Enquiry.

Premises available to civilians under old grants of Cantonment Act

1381. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of each bungalow and premises available to civilian people under Old Grants of Cantonment Act in Jhansi, Kanpur and Lucknow Cantonments;

(b) whether it is a fact that some encroachers and builders have been changing the structures, ownership and dismantling old premises without sanction or payment of premiums on account of S.T.R.;

(c) whether it is a fact that some Cantonment authorities are hand in glove with such builders; and

(d) if so, whether Government would immediately enforce rules to resume the properties and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) The 'old grant' property or premise is a joint property of which land belongs to Ministry of Defence and the building to the occupancy holder. These properties are governed by CGO No. 179 dated 12-9-1336 and not the Cantonments Act, 1924. The occupancy holder has no right to transfer, gift or sell the property without the prior approval of the Government. Old grant bungalows held by civilians are 46 in Jhansi, 68 in Kanpur and 90 in Lucknow.

No rent or premium is chargeable as per Standard Table Rent in respect of old grant properties. The existing instructions do not permit any reconstruction addition/alteration to the bungalows held on old grant terms. Unauthorised constructions when detected are dealt with under sections 184, 185 and 256 of the Cantonments Act, 1924.

There is no report of any connivance of Cantonment Board authorities with unauthorised builders.

Old grant property is resumed by the Government if required for public purposes on payment of suitable compensation for the structure.